

Honors College Incoming Freshman

There are a few issues that need to be taken care of apart from applying and sending information straight to the Honors College. The following is an alphabetized list of items that concern incoming freshmen.

Academic Advising

Most academic advising is done through the Honors Office by our Assistant Director of Honors, Dr. Eric Gruver. Students can contact Dr. Gruver for appointments for advising beginning June 1, 2009. Students who have dual enrollment credit or credit via AP/IB/CLEP scores should bring copies of transcripts and score reports to advising meeting.

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Admission to the University

Application to the University is separate from application to the Honors College. You may have applied and been accepted to the Honors College, however, you still need to apply to the University. To apply to TAMU-Commerce, click [here](#).

**Office of Undergraduate Admissions 903-886-5102

Balances on Student Accounts

If you have taken previous online or dual-enrollment courses at TAMU-C, you may have an unpaid balance that could affect your application to the University. You can check your balance by logging on to your [myLeo](#)* account and selecting Check your balance or make payments toward your balance under the LeoPay heading.

Note: If you have a balance in August 2009, disregard it because you will not be dropped. A balance will normally be present until financial aid is disbursed after the 12th class day.

Bookstore

After you have registered for classes, you can purchase your books at the University Bookstore in the Sam Rayburn Student Center. After registering, you can check which books you are required to have for your classes through your myLeo account.

Note: In the past, book scholarship money has been available in the Honors Office on move-in day. Even if you choose to purchase your books before the semester starts, book scholarships are still not available until move-in day.

Documentation

TAMU-Commerce requires several different documents for consideration of admission. You can check through your [myLeo](#) account to see which documents you are still required to submit.

FAFSA

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Financial Student Aid. Although admission to the Honors College does include a debt-free education, students are still required to fill out the FAFSA each year. Application for the FAFSA opens each year on January 1, and should be filled out and submitted as soon as possible thereafter. To fill out the FAFSA, click [here](#).

**Susan Grove, Financial Aid & Scholarships 903-886-5096

Mane Event Preview Day (March 7, 2009)

Mane Event is an opportunity for incoming students to gather information about the University in a comfortable environment. TAMU-C puts on this event twice a year, once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester. The Honors College usually hosts a meet-and-greet for incoming freshmen to meet and get to know each other at the spring session. To register for Mane Event Preview Day, click [here](#).

Orientation

All incoming freshmen are required to attend New Student Orientation to schedule for classes and become familiar with the University. The Honors College hosts an Honors Orientation specifically for Honors College students on July 24 & 25, which is strongly recommended. However, if you are absolutely unable to attend the Honors Orientation, ***you must contact Dr. Green*** and you must register for and attend New Student [Orientation](#) through TAMU-C.

Residence Life

An application for Residence Life will be sent to you. Also, you can fill out this application at Mane Event Preview Day or at Orientation. Housing arrangements will not be made until late this summer.

**Residence Life 903-886-5797

Transcripts

After graduation, make sure your school sends your final transcripts with your final grades and your graduation date to the Admissions Office. Also, any dual-enrollment or dual-credit course transcripts should be sent to Admissions. These transcripts must be on file for Academic Advising in order to ensure accurate advising and course registration.

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*The first time you access your myLeo account, you will be prompted through the set-up process. To log on to your myLeo, your username is your Campus-Wide Identification (CWID) and your password is your birthday (mmddyy).

**When using these contacts, be sure to identify yourself as an Honors College student so you will be referred to the appropriate person.